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USSR FOREST PLANTING PROGRAM EXPANDS;
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TO PLANT MORE SHELTER BELTS ALONG RR LINES -- Riga, Sovetskaya Latvija, 8 Apr 52

Shelter belts established along the rail lines of the USSR have a total length of about 30,000 kilometers at present. More than 19,000 kilometers of these are already effectively protecting the rail lines from snow and sand drifts, the communication and signaling equipment from breaks and damage, and the trains from side and head winds. The belts have already eliminated the necessity for annual placement of more than 10 million snow shields and have permitted the removal of about 300 permanent fences.

In 1952, 3,300 kilometers of new shelter belts are to be established along the rail lines of the USSR. Spring planting has already been completed along the lines of the Azerbaydzhan, Tashkent, and Ashkhabad railroads.

FOREST PLANTING IN LITHUANIAN SSR -- Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 6 Apr 52

A. Matulionis, Minister of Forestry Lithuanian SSR, reports that 78,000 hectares of forests were planted in the Lithuanian SSR between 1945 and 1951.

The Ministry of Forestry Lithuanian SSR met the 1951 plan 110 percent. The average survival rate of young trees planted was 92 percent.

FIRST SHELTER BELT STATIONS IN MOSCOW OBLAST -- Moscow, Vecheinyaya Moskva,
1 Apr.52

The Ministry of Forestry USSR has organized the first four shelter belt stations in Moscow Oblast. They were created in Podol'skiy, Zvenigorodskiy, Solnechnogorskiy, and Pushkinskiy rayons. The stations will be occupied with restoration of the forests located within a 50-kilometer radius of Moscow.

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The stations have already received powerful tractors, bulldozers, trench diggers, and other machines. With the advent of spring, the stations will begin soil preparation work for the planting of trees.

TADZHIK SSR STRIVES TO INCREASE FORESTED AREA -- Stalinabad, Kommunist Tadzhikistana, 8 Apr 52

Tadzhik SSR is only 4.4 percent forested. For this reason, it is planned to plant about 200,000 hectares of artificial forests in the republic over a 15-year period, which began in 1948.

TIMBER HAULAGE IN KARELO-FINNISH SSR DECLINES -- Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Znamya, 5 Mar 52

The Ministry of Timber Industry Karelo-Finnish SSR hauled 18,700 fewer cubic meters of timber in February than in January 1952.

KARELO-FINNISH SSR ENLARGES FLOTAGE NETWORK -- Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Znamya, 1 Apr 52

In 1952, timber-floating operations will be carried out on 142 rivers and 140 lakes in the Karelo-Finnish SSR. The floating ways on these rivers and lakes represent a total length of 3,852 kilometers. Of these, 22 rivers will be used for floating for the first time.

Petrozavodsk, Leninskoye Znamya, 26 Apr 52

In the Karelo-Finnish SSR, 40 percent more timber is to be floated in 1952 than in 1951.

ESTONIAN TIMBER INDUSTRY BEATS PLAN -- Tallin, Sovetskaya Estoniya, 14 Mar 52

The timber industry of Estonian SSR fulfilled the 1951 - 1952 fall and winter logging plan ahead of schedule. As of 10 March, the felling plan had been met 100.3 percent and the haulage plan 100.1 percent.

LATVIAN ENTERPRISES MEET SEASONAL HAULAGE PLAN -- Moscow, Lesnaya Promyshlennost', 13 Mar 52

The enterprises of the Ministry of Timber Industry Latvian SSR fulfilled the 1951 - 1952 fall and winter timber haulage plan on 7 March. Between this date and the end of the season on 31 March, the Latvian loggers are to haul tens of thousands of cubic meters of timber above the plan.

LATVIAN TIMBER INDUSTRY TOPS YEAR PLAN -- Riga, Sovetskaya Latvija, 13 Apr 52

In 1951, the enterprises of the timber industry in Latvian SSR hauled 266,000 cubic meters of timber above plan. Industrial timber comprised 69.8 percent of all timber hauled; this figure exceeded the plan, which had been set at 67 percent.

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BELOUSSIAN LOGGERS MEET SEASONAL PLAN -- Moscow, Lesnaya Promyshlennost', 27 Mar 52

The timber managements of the Ministry of Timber Industry Belorussian SSR fulfilled the 1951 - 1952 fall and winter logging plan on 20 March.

UKRAINIAN OBLAST SETS FLOTAGE GOAL -- Kiev, Pravda Ukrainy, 23 Apr 52

In the course of the 1952 floating season, more than 160,000 cubic meters of timber will be floated down the mountain rivers of Zakarpatskaya Oblast, Ukrainian SSR.

MOLDAVIAN MINISTER REPORTS SUCCESSES -- Kishinev, Sovetskaya Moldaviya, 16 Apr 52

Addressing the Supreme Soviet Moldavian SSR, G. I. Filippov, Minister of Timber Industry Moldavian SSR, reported that his ministry met the 1951 gross production plan 107 percent. The Moldavian timber industry produced 2,150,000 more rubles worth of furniture in 1951 than in 1950, 6,000 more cubic meters of parquet, and barrels with a total greater content of 700,000 dekaliters.

ARMENIAN MINISTER REPORTS FAILURE -- Yerevan, Kommunist, 19 Mar 52

Kh. Voskanyan, Minister of Timber Industry Armenian SSR, reports that his ministry did not fulfill the 1951 plan for timber felling, skidding, or haulage. The sawmilling plan was not met. The furniture enterprises of the ministry were 100,000 rubles short in meeting their production plan. Capital construction also lagged.

TIMBER MINISTRIES LIQUIDATED -- Moscow, Lesnaya Promyshlennost', 30 Mar 52

At its session on 29 March 1952, the Supreme Soviet RSFSR confirmed ukases of its Presidium concerning liquidation of the Ministry of Timber Industry Bashkir ASSR and the Ministry of Timber Industry Chuvash ASSR.

KOMI LOGGERS EXCEED 1950 FIGURES -- Moscow, Izvestiya, 28 Mar 52

The basic logging enterprises of Komi ASSR felled and hauled 775,000 more cubic meters of timber in 1951 than in 1950.

MOLOTOV OBLAST DOUBLES TIMBER CONTRIBUTION -- Moscow, Izvestiya, 29 Mar 52

Molotov Oblast provided the country with almost twice as much industrial timber in 1951 as in 1950.

FAR EAST TIMBER OUTPUT RISES -- Moscow, Lesnaya Promyshlennost', 27 Apr 52

Shanin, chief of Glavdal'les (Main Administration of Far Eastern Timber), Ministry of Timber Industry USSR, reports that the first-quarter 1952 plan was met and that timber production was 36.1 percent greater than during the 1st quarter 1951. Enterprises in Khabarovsk Kray hauled more than 150,000 cubic meters in excess of the quarter plan.

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MINISTRY TO BOOST FURNITURE OUTPUT -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 17 Apr 52

The Ministry of Paper and Wood-Processing Industry USSR has resolved to increase furniture production by 22 percent in 1952. To accomplish this goal, new, highly productive woodworking methods are being introduced and the shops supplied with special equipment.

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